1	2	3	4	5
September, 1988	1888	1618	270	85%
October, 1988	1952	1618	334	82%
Route No. 777(:-) (DTC buses)				
August, 1988	310	295	15	96%
September, 1988	162	145	17	91%
October, 1988	Not operated.			
Route No. 777(—) (DTC buses)				
August, 1988	310	293	17	95%
September, 1988	327	308	19	95%
October, 1988	341	326	15	96%

Development of Vayalpadu (Chittoor) Railway Station

580. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to develop Vayalpadu (Chitttoor) railway station, keeping in view the difficulties being faced by the passengers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). At present, there is no proposal to develop Vayalpadu (Chittoor) railway station. The station has already been provided with all the basic amenities, as per norms and these are considered to be adequate for the present level of traffic dealt with at the station.

Voluntary organisations in Andhra Pradesh

581. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what are the names of the voluntary organisations in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise, to which financial assistance was given by Government for adult education during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 and the amount granted to each organisation ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 27]

Rail Travellers Service Agents in Northern Railway

582. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Northern Railway recently authorised about 80 firms in Delhi to act as Rail Travellers Service Agents, if so, what are the details of such Agents; and

(b) what are the norms and terms of their authorities/appointment and for what period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Eighty Nine Rail Travellers' Service Agents have been appointed by Northern Railway in Delhi Area. The details are given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 28]

(b) The rules governing the appointment of Rail Travellers' Service Agents have been notified in the Gazette of India Extra-Ordinary No. 579 dated 5-12-1985.

Revenue and Maintenance Cost of Shatabdi Express

583. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the maintenance cost and revenue from Shatabdi Express per day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : Train-wise statistics of maintenance cost and earnings are not maintained by the Railways.

National Highway in Kerala

584. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the conventional declaration at the time of National Road Congress of converting a road as National Highway was implemented in the case of Kerala;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) There is no such convention to declare a National Highway at the time of holding the session of Indian Roads Congress.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Opening of new passport office in Kerala

585. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new regional passport office is proposed to be opened in Kerala considering the workload and the delay in issuance of passports from the Cochin Regional Passport Office; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TIWARI): (a) and (b) The workload in most Passport Offices in India has increased during 1988. There is no major delay in issuance of passports from the Cochin Regional Passport Office. In order to ensure issue of passports with efficiency and consistent with security requirements, the working of the Passport Offices including Cochin, is kept under constant review. There is no decision to open a new Regional Passport Office in Kerala.

Cancellation of Flights of Gulf countries from Trivandrum and Bombay

586. SHRI M. A. BABY. Will the Minister CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of flights cancelled to Gulf countries from Trivandrum and Bombay during the last two months and the passengers dislocation due to it: and

(b) the alternate arrangements made available for the stranded passengers and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Forty two flights to Gulf countries were cancelled from Trivandrum and Bombay during the last two months.

(b) The passengers of the cancelled flights to the Gulf Countries from Trivandrum were accommodated in local hotels and sent from Trivandrum on other flights via alternative routes to their destinations.

National Scholarship

587. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to enhance the rate of National